

Caregiver Support Program

The five categories required under the National Caregiver Support Program (NCSP) are listed below along with any restrictions or limitations on the dollars that can be spent. To be eligible for these services the “Family Caregiver” means an adult family member, or another individual who is an informal or unpaid provider of in-home and community care to an older (60+) individual. The other caregiver covered under this program is the grandparent or older relative caregiver who is 60+ and who is caring for a child who is under the age of 19. The full description of these provisions is in the formal policy for the caregiver program.

Service	Funding Restrictions
Information to caregivers about available services	None
Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to services	None
Individual counseling, organization of support groups, caregiver training to assist caregivers in making decisions and solving problems related to their caregiving role	None
Respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their caregiving opportunities	Functional screen must be used to determine functional eligibility. Considered a “temporary”, intermittent service defined as: Not more than seven consecutive days or no more than 14 days in a calendar year.
Supplemental services, on a limited basis, to complement the care provided by caregivers	Functional screen must be used to determine functional eligibility. No more than 20% of total allotment may be used for this category. “Limited basis” defined as: Not more than once per week or a total of eight hours/week.
Services provided to grandparent or relative caregiver	Relative caregiver must be 60+, must live with the child, be the primary caregiver,